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Applicants: Francis BRIAND, et al.
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Title: METHOD AND INSTALLATION FOR LASER WELDING WITH
A N₂/He GAS MIXTURE, THE N₂/He CONTENT BEING
CONTROLLED ACCORDING TO THE LASER POWER
TC/A.U.: 1725
Examiner: Geoffrey S. Evans
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AMENDMENT

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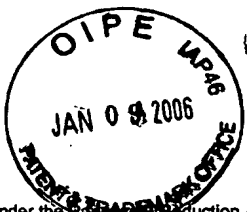
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In response to the Office Action of October 6, 2005, please amend the application
as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the Abstract is attached following page 6 of this paper.



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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| Application Type | FILING FEES | | SEARCH FEES | | EXAMINATION FEES | | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

| Fee Description | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
|--|-----------|-----------------------|
| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues) | 50 | 25 |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) | 200 | 100 |
| Multiple dependent claims | 360 | 180 |
| Total Claims | 14 | 20 |
| Extra Claims | 0 | 50 |
| Fee Paid (\$) | 0 | 0 |

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.

| Indep. Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) |
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